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Don't Use Myths In Sermons

A Sermon Outline by Frank Rowley

Myth Men

These are associated with Paul in Acts 28: 1-6 "Howbeit they looked when he should have swollen, or fallen down dead suddenly: but after they had looked a great while, and saw no harm come to him, they changed their minds, and said that he was a god."

They made Paul into a myth god! He was good and great but he certainly was not God.

He was a living witness to the saving Grace of the Lord Jesus Christ who is God.

Paul the preacher of the gospel made the matters clear to all the people on the island.

He destroyed the myth and positively presented the heavenly gospel of faith through grace.

That is what true preachers do. We prefer elevated pulpits in the House of the Lord, not high mazes found in the educational world systems

Myths Stick with Satanic Gunge.

Myths are old and ancient they are mostly untrue and unreliable.

Many myths are dangerous like snakes slithering around

The myth maze has a tall thorn like cutting prickly hedge.

Caution is required when dealing with eternal matters.

The men on the island of Melisa were kind men. They were kind people.

They sought to help Paul when he was experiencing dangerous times. We

all know kindness is always welcomed in all areas of life. Paul accepted

their help, yet was keen to share the truth of the Saviour with them all at the

first opportunity he had.

Witness Men

He witnessed while the fire was burning and the viper was clinging.

For Christians it is always the correct time to speak up clearly in gospel witness.

Again we have the pattern and method of the apostle.

Acts 28: 30-31. "And Paul dwelt two whole years in his own hired house, and received all that came in unto him, Preaching the kingdom of God, and teaching those things which concern the Lord Jesus Christ, with all confidence, no man forbidding him."

How instructive scripture is for preachers and ministers with timeless guidance.

Paul had a welcome for all who wanted to see and meet him. None were turned away.

He was non selective or antisocial – all classes, all groups, all colours we greeted with anticipation and kindness both men and women.

He directed the pattern of conversation. He led all people along the pathway of Christian truth.

It was myth free, no twisted ideas were allowed to cast shadows of fear or doubt.

These were not happy clappy times of incessant music and entertainment. Silence was allowed.

No Days Off for Preachers.

Bible Truth was paramount in Paul's ministry.

He was a preacher of the kingdom of God, and teaching those things which concern and relate to the Lord Jesus Christ.

He had full confidence in both his method and manner of his personal preaching for Christ Jesus.

The Lord honoured this and kept all avenues open for a consistent daily preaching teaching ministry. No man or group forbid him or hindered Paul.

The Lord was in overall charge.

Christians should endeavour to deliver a daily ministry to the community and to the world.

There is no clocking off in the Lords business. Holidays need to be Holy days of witness.

Modern Mythology

Bible Christians are not mythologists.

Mythologists are unbelievers in the very basics of Christianity.

Experience in black and white watercolour paints tells me when they are mixed together something is lost.

Pure black or pure white colour is lost for ever. Only sludge grey is left.

Gospel preachers never mix truth with myth, even the popular many sentimental myths that still circulate in many church circles today.

Father Christmas or Santa Claus is iffy and mythy ! Perhaps more honesty is required here.

Most films produced by Hollywood and such institutions are packed to the top selves with untrue myths even downright dishonesty.

The Press are pretty smart at banner head line myths, usually light years away from honest truth.

BBC. Once a world leader in accurate honest news reporting. Have fallen down the table of truth.

Most matters relating to Christianity is smeared with blasphemy and disrespect. Those people are ultimately answerable to the Lord who created the air waves in the first place. See Genesis 1 to 11.

The Bible is more honest and reliable than the leaders at Broadcasting House.

If you can sing or play any kind of musical instrument you are a star in the entertainment industry.

Well that certainly is a myth.

The myth that Saint Peter is at heavens pearly gate to welcome these so called stars home is a totally ridiculous lie and satanic myth.

The bible clearly talks about judgement after death for all men, Christians included, let's look at 2 Corinthians 5:10 "For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ; that every one may receive the things done in his body, according to that he hath done, whether it be good or bad."

That is revelation truth. There is no escape from that hearing with our Lord Jesus Christ the last judge of all the human action of every believer and for every unbeliever. No exceptions This is a fully inclusive judgement. It is both scriptural and to me at least, more than scary.

Truth is more gripping and startling than all the old and new myths bundled together by many today.

I am thankful and pleased for the helpful truth in Psalms 86:5 "For thou, Lord, art good, and ready to forgive; and plenteous in mercy unto all them that call upon thee."

We may experience forgiveness today as many have experienced forgiveness in past times of gospel preaching by Christian pastors and ministers.

Mark 2:10 "But that ye may know that the Son of man hath power on earth to forgive sins, (he saith to the sick of the palsy,)" Christians fully know Jesus can save every repenting sinner, he can heal those who have the prayer of faith prayed over them.

To all preachers let us not use false myths in our biblical sermons.



The Ryan's Report

From Colin and Brenda Ryan

In my last report I spoke of Brenda and I spending long hours at the hospital with a lady friend. This lady, after nine weeks in hospital died. But Brenda, on the day before she died, was able to witness to a saving faith in

Christ Jesus as the two of them read the Bible and prayed together. The ladies husband asked that I would take the service for her. Around 70 people came, most of her family being non-Christians. I spoke on Psalm 107:4-7 telling of how the homeless wanderer finds rest and joy in Christ Jesus.

The past three months have been quite a busy time for us. We spent a lot of days helping a Christian friend move home, doing a great deal of the decorating for him, which is all finished now. Preaching dates have been few and the Devil, as always, never stays quiet. So there have been times when it has been days of listening to people who have felt out of things, or wished to complain. It is wonderful how a short time of prayer can change how people look at problems.

Brenda's mum who lives with us had a nasty fall and had a large gash in her head. The Lord was good and after two days in hospital she was able to come home and is fully recovered now.

I paid another preaching visit to the village of Crickham where a larger than expected congregation shared in worship with us. The Monday meeting is up and running again after a break during August. The hall we use is almost full of older people, most being non-Christians I spoke at the first meeting and am due to speak again on the first Monday in November. Also in August I was the guest speaker a Lunch-together meeting where some 30 people sat down to a free lunch time meal. It is a great outreach that is held every month.

Our twice monthly Friday evening Drop-in, OAP, meetings continue, although the numbers have been down , in all but one meeting, we still get non-Christians coming along.

At Union Chapel things continue to be up-lifting. Two weeks ago saw a PWMI meeting that packed the Chapel on the Saturday evening. The biggest number since the Bath branch was formed. On the first Sunday in November we are having a Baptismal Service, the second this year. The young people's work is still growing, with three separate youth meetings on a Friday, to cover all age group's.

The Chapel at Withyditich which we help to run has been through a hard time, as we, along with other Evangelical Christians, have had to take a stand against some who would water down the Gospel to make it easier to get people in. The Lord knows though who are His. The once monthly

Service seems to be attended by a steady number with little sign of others joining us.

Are prayers go out to you all, praying that it will not be long before the Lord allows us all to meeting together again and share the wonderful blessing He has given each of us.

Sovereign Ruler of the skies, ever gracious, ever wise; All my times are in thy hand, all events at thy command. (John Ryland Jr.)



Into All The World

By Ian Rowley

"Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age." - Matthew 28:19-20.

Since our last meeting in Southport our church in Hunslet has been growing in many ways, bible study is attracting more people from within and outside of our church. It's building up the people and revealing the bible to a deeper level.

Ladies group is thriving with speakers and visitors growing too.

Our audio visual technology is growing in church bringing a better visual display of scripture, hymns and other visual effects to help with preaching. The audio is a better and clearer standard which goes on our Facebook page most Sunday afternoons reaching people of all nations.

I use the visual technology to help with a part of my ministry within church as I continue to bring photographs to life and connect my hobby of photography with my love of nature into the gospel and then to the people in church. One particular shot of a weasel taking prey for its family. This basically was a sacrifice of the moorhen chick to feed the young weasels so they could have life.

Exodus 12:21-22 ... "Then Moses called all the elders of Israel and said to them, "Go and select lambs for yourselves according to your clans, and kill the Passover lamb. Take a bunch of hyssop and dip it in the blood that is in the basin, and touch the lintel and the two doorposts with the blood that is in the basin. None of you shall go out of the door of his house until the morning.

Jesus is our Passover lamb and is the lamb of God.

John 1: 29 ... "The next day he saw Jesus coming toward him, and said, "Behold, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world".

It may seem strange to the world how sacrifice of lambs to atone for people's sin but sin cannot go unpunished.

Jesus came and did not just tear the curtain but tore down the walls, ripped off the roof of the world to let in light, he came to bring light to a dark world. He did not just save us, He changed us, He brought us to life out of a dark, rotting grave.

He was always there and soon to come again:

"Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places, even as he chose us in him before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and blameless before him. In love" - Ephesians 1:3-4

We must be active in church and away from our gospel houses, recently I have visited another church to help in their 'Christianity explored course' and when it starts another I will be there too.

Connecting our churches building up the church that is what Jesus came to do, we must bring the light to the Gentiles every opportunity we get, make things happen be willing to go where the Lord leads.

I am glad to know all at Hunslet with their creative inspiring preaching, creative bible teaching and also with FEM. Let's be creative in our thinking, reaching out to a dead lifeless world.

God bless to all at Fellowship of Evangelists and Ministers.



News From Birkdale

By Richard Hardy

We have been making steady progress at Birkdale Bible Fellowship. We have had some teaching days this Autumn, with Answers in Genesis and P.W.M.I. Both were well attended meetings with some travelling across the north west to attend. Prof. Steve Taylor was the Speaker for Answers in Genesis, and the talk was entitled 'Dinosaurs, Dragons and DNA.'

We continue to meet at Bethesda Chapel in Birkdale, and have enjoyed some joint fellowship meetings with our Brethren friends. One of our congregation was water baptized by full immersion this summer. What a great blessing this was to the fellowship. I have never seen so many people sit near the front of church.

We will soon be planning for 2019, and will go forth with the wonderful Gospel of Jesus Christ whenever and wherever we can. We have a regular outreach now in two Southport care homes. I have been blessed to be in fellowship and to bring the word there. People are open to hearing the word of God, joining in with prayers and singing. The meetings within the care homes are very well attended.

As well as our Sunday and Wednesday meetings, we are also planning for next year, some more Saturday fellowship days. Our main outreach remains through the internet and through our website. We have had

messages of encouragement, and people coming along to the church after seeing and hearing us online.

I had been teaching recently on the following scripture from Titus 2 11-15.

For the grace of God that bringeth salvation hath appeared to all men, teaching us that, denying ungodliness and worldly lusts, we should live soberly, righteously, and godly, in this present world; looking for that blessed hope, and the glorious appearing of the great God and our Saviour Jesus Christ; who gave himself for us, that he might redeem us from all iniquity, and purify unto himself a peculiar people, zealous of good works. These things speak, and exhort, and rebuke with all authority. Let no man despise thee.

So let us remember the Grace, not to resist it. Let us be watchful, waiting and ready for His glorious appearing. This is our blessed hope,



Books, Books, and More Books

By Gary Hall

It was one of those moments of inspiration that prompted me to collate all my sermons, notes, articles and Bible studies in preparation for publication on Amazon. Since 1983 I have always written my studies and sermons out in full, I think this is what Spurgeon advised his students to do, and recently I decided to transform them into an ebook format. At the moment I have commentaries on Revelation, The Life of David, Psalm 119, 1 and 2

Thessalonians, Jonah and Genesis, as well as general books on The Second Coming of Christ, Revival, Sanctification, The Life of John Wycliffe, and other studies. All these initially went online for free both on my website and Facebook for five days. As far away as Japan, The Philippines, Australia, America and Middle East, the books were being downloaded. I am encouraged to notice that several of them have been purchased at cost price after the free deal expired, not for the royalties sake, but for the interest shown by people. I am presently working on Paul's Letter to the Galatians, which is one of the few studies I didn't write out in full. Because of this I have to write it up from my 88 pages of notes. It probably will take several months to complete, but at least it gives me the chance to restudy this amazing and thought provoking documentary that has been a blessing to believers throughout the centuries. You can see the books on Amazon by going to <https://goo.gl/siEfiu> or by going through my website at www.LWBC.cok and clicking 'Book Store'.

On other matters: we will be moving out of our apartment in early November into other temporary accommodation until we restart of search for a decent house in January. Please keep us in prayer over this. We have had a number of setbacks over the last few months on this issue.

Living Word Bible Church continues to meet for fellowship in a hired room at a local church. Personally I am looking forward to returning to a house fellowship based church. We are unrestricted where we are, which is a huge blessing, but I do believe it is not God's final will for us.

May the Lord continue to bless and encourage you.





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